

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully studied the outstanding Office Action. The present amendment is intended to place the application in condition for allowance and is believed to overcome all of the objections and rejections made by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended claims **38** and **48** to more properly claim the present invention. No new matter has been introduced. Claims **38 – 57** are presented for examination.

In paragraphs 3 - 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims **38 – 57** under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ng, U.S. Patent No. 6,640,301 ("Ng").

In the Examiner's Advisory Action of March 24, 2010, the Examiner indicated that applicants' response after final filed on March 5, 2010 will be entered.

The Examiner further indicated in the Advisory Action that features upon which applicants rely in applicants' arguments are not recited in the claims; namely, that the checksum is stored in the document itself. Ng, in distinction, stores the checksum in a secure storage on a web server, as pointed out in applicants' response filed on March 6, 2010.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims **38** and **48** include the limitation that the checksum is embedded within a static section of the electronic document. To further clarify this limitation, applicants have amended the claim language from "a static section of an electronic document" to "a static section within an electronic document."

The Examiner further indicated in the Advisory Action that the term "*edit*" can mean to adapt a document for presentation.

To clarify the distinction between the claimed invention and Ng, applicants have amended independent claims **35** and **48** to include the limitation that the control mark remains unchanged however the document is edited by a document word processor.

Support for Amended Claims in Original Specification

Independent method claim **38** and independent system claim **48** have been amended to include the limitations that the static section of the document is within the document, and remains unchanged however the document is edited by a document word processor. These limitations are supported in the original specification at least at page 8, lines 15 – 17: *"Many documents include a summary information section which can store custom properties that remain static, regardless of how the document is edited by a document editor. In an embodiment of the present invention, such a custom property is used to store the unique identifiers for documents ..."*.

CONCLUSION

The undersigned representative respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution might be advanced by discussing the application with the undersigned representative, in person or over the telephone, we welcome the opportunity to do so. In addition, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 504402.

Respectfully submitted,

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